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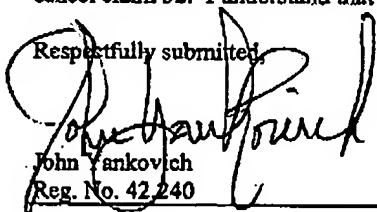
Dear Examiner Barber:

Thank you for taking the time last week to speak with me regarding the above-noted application. The present fax is meant to memorialize our discussion.

In a preliminary amendment, we canceled claims 1 - 29, and added claims 30 - 58. Claims 30, 45, 50 and 53 are independent.

You indicated that independent claims 45, 50 and 53 (as well as their dependent claims) are allowable. You also indicated that claim 30 (and its dependents) would be allowable if claim 30 was amended to include the recital from claim 32. Accordingly, I am attaching a proposed amendment to move the recital of claim 32 into claim 30, and to cancel claim 32. I understand that you will formalize this amendment by way of an Examiner's Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,


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030902 Proposed Amendment

Please cancel claim 32 and amend claim 30 to read as indicated below.

30. (currently amended) An ~~illumination~~ illumination system for light having wavelengths ≤ 193 nm, comprising:

- a first field raster element for receiving a first diverging portion of said light and directing a first bundle of said light;
- a second field raster element for receiving a second diverging portion of said light and directing a second bundle of said light, wherein said first field raster element is oriented at an angle with respect to said second field raster element to cause a center ray of said first bundle to intersect with a center ray of said second bundle at an image plane, wherein said first and second field raster elements produce secondary sources of said light; and
- an optical element for imaging said secondary sources of said light in an exit pupil, wherein said optical element is situated in a path of said light after said first and second field raster elements and before said image plane.

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